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MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2006 AT 5:30 – 8:00 PM

CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

AGENDA

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2006**
 - B. MEETING OF JULY 26, 2006**
- III. CTAC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**
 - A. RICHARD PULIDO RESIGNED** – *Appointed by MPO Board Member Perla T. Hantman*
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - 3 Minutes Each Speaker**
- V. ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. DRAFT RESOLUTION 15-06 REQUESTING THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) GOVERNING BOARD INCLUDE THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S (FDOT) SR-934/NW/NE 81ST/82ND STREET PROJECT IN THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AS A CAPACITY/TRANSIT PROJECT**
 - B. FLORIDA TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE BONDING CAPABILITIES** – *Norman Wartman, CTAC Chair*
- VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - A. SPECIAL USE LANES: CONGESTION BY-PASS SHOULDER LANES** – *David Fialkoff, Chief, Service and Mobility Planning, Miami-Dade Transit*
 - B. MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT MARKETING UPDATE** – *Michael de Cossio, Chief, Marketing & Communications, Miami-Dade Transit*
- VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**



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VIII. SECRETARIAT'S REPORT

**IX. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO
TRANSPORTATION**

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MPO Committee Meeting Dates:

CTAC Subcommittee	9/06/06
CTAC Full Committee	9/20/06
MPO Governing Board	9/28/06
TPC	9/11/06
TPTAC	9/06/06
BPAC	9/27/06
TARC	9/06/06
FTAC	TBA

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2006

CTAC ATTENDANCE:

Norman Wartman, Chair
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat
Paul Chance, MPO
Roosevelt Bradley, MDT Director
Albert Hernandez, MDT Deputy Director
Michael De Cossio, MDT Marketing Director
Michelle Simmons, MDT
Novia Chang, MDT
Lilia Medina, City of Miami
Rene Dehuelbes, FDOT D6
Bill Austin, Turnpike

Miles Moss, CITT
Patrice Rosemond, OCITT
Robert T. Carballo, C3TS
John Kay, Citizen
Allyson Warren, Citizen
Richard E. Hughes, Citizen
John T. Spirk, Citizen
Fred Halter, Citizen

Naomi Wright, First Vice Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized quorum.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mac Glasgow moved for the approval of the agenda and the motion was seconded by Claudius A. Carnegie. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting of April 26, 2006

Ramon Ramos moved for the approval of the minutes and the motion was seconded by Mac Glasgow. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

B. Meeting of July 26, 2006

Claudius A. Carnegie moved for the approval of the agenda and the motion was seconded by Barbara Walters. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. CTAC MEMBER UPDATE

RICHARD PULIDO RESIGNED – *Appointed by MPO Board Member Perla T. Hantman*

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Miles Moss informed the committee that during the April 26, 2006 CITT Retreat the members reviewed and compared ordinance language from the Children's Trust, the Homeless Trust, the Metro Miami Action Plan, and the Public Health Trust. After much discussion, the members agreed that new language would be drafted amending Ordinance 02-117, thus codifying the Members' perception of how the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) should operate in terms of its powers and duties. The proposed language, supported by Honorable Carlos A. Gimenez, Chairman, Regional Transportation Committee (RTC), would amend sub-sections (a), (g), and (h) of Section 2-1421 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. The following summarizes the proposed changes and additions:
 1. Sub-section (a) Creation: The members of the Trust shall be deemed Trustees and shall have a fiduciary duty to the residents of Miami-Dade County as to the reasonable use of the Charter County Transit System Surtax funds. This was requested by the members to gain true authority in the approval of contracts and expenditures of the surtax.
 2. Sub-section (g) Powers and Duties: Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, to retain the services of consultants, the Trust deems necessary to assist in its monitoring functions without the need for action by the County Commission, so long as the retaining of such consultants does not result in the budget for the Trust exceeding the amount approved by the County Commission during the annual budget approval process.
 3. Sub-section (h) Staff Support: The proposed language strikes-out the County Manager's provision to provide staff to the CITT. In addition, the proposed amendment provides for the Trust to hire an Executive Director by a majority vote of its membership. The Executive Director shall provide adequate staff and support services to enable the Trust to carry out its duties and responsibilities.

At the request of Commissioner Carlos Gimenez, the above referenced ordinance amendments were placed on the July 6, 2006, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) agenda for first reading. Out of the three proposed amendments only one passed first reading, which was the proposed change to Sub-section (a) creation. This amendment is going forward as Ordinance #061819 for Public Hearing at the September 21st BCC RTC meeting.

CTAC instructed staff to retrieve copies of the CITT amendments and provide them to the Committee at the next available Subcommittee meeting.

- Ms. Allyson Warren, Shorecrest Homeowners' Association President, expressed her concerns on expanding the 79th Street and 82nd Street project Study. Ms. Warren informed the Committee the City of Miami, and County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson, and the neighborhood is against this project. She stated that the community is against the six lane idea within the plan particularly along 82nd Street.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. DRAFT RESOLUTION 15-06 REQUESTING THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) GOVERNING BOARD INCLUDE THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S (FDOT) SR-934/NW/NE 81ST/82ND STREET PROJECT IN THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AS A CAPACITY/TRANSIT PROJECT

Lilia Medina, City of Miami, explained that the City is in support of this project and then introduced Robert Carballo, C3TS consultant for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District VI, who gave a brief overview of the project.

Norman Wartman moved for the approval of the Resolution and the motion was seconded by Alan Fishman. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Naomi Wright, First Vice-Chair, then turned the gavel over to Norman Wartman, Chair.

B. FLORIDA TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE BONDING CAPABILITIES

Norman Wartman, CTAC Chair, gave a presentation on the issues concerning the Florida Turnpike Enterprise's (FTE) bonding capabilities. Mr. Wartman discussed the following key points:

- The bonding limits were holding up projects.
- The Chair would like to see the bonding limit expanded from 4.5 to 6 billion dollars.
- He would like to encourage the legislature to put forth the same legislation as they did last year, but without any riders that may cause the Governor to Veto it.
- He would also like to change the wording to the legislature from "cumulative debt" to "outstanding debt."

Bill Austin was on hand to clarify any issues concerning the bonding issues.

Carline Paul moved for the approval of the Resolution supporting legislation to allow the FTE to raise their bond limit as deemed appropriate and to modify the terms of the bonding

legislation calculating allowable debt from cumulative debt to outstanding debt. The motion was seconded by Barbara Walters. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed with one dissent.

VI. INFORMATION

A. SPECIAL USE LANES: CONGESTION BY-PASS SHOULDER LANES

Albert Hernandez, MDT Deputy Director, presented an update on the bus shoulders and discussed the following key points:

- The two Interlocal Agreements with Transit /MDX /FDOT
- Buses will use the highway shoulder lane when the MPH drops below 25 MPH.
- The pilot program will be installed on SR-874 and SR-878
- Bus drivers will be trained in October
- There will be an outreach program to inform the public.
- The service will begin in early November to early December.

(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)

After the presentation, the Chair opened up the forum for questions, concerns, and comments. Mr. Hernandez will bring information back to a future meeting regarding buses using the I-95 shoulders.

Roosevelt Bradley, MDT Director, and Michelle Simmons, MDT Public Involvement Officer, were on hand to assist with the concerns and questions addressing the special use lanes.

B. MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT MARKETING UPDATE

Michelle De Cossio, MDT Director of Marketing, conducted a presentation updating the committee on MDT upcoming marketing plans. Mr. De Cossio discussed the following key points:

- College Metropass Discount Program
- Corporate Metropass
- Visitor Passport
- Fare Evasion
- Bus Stop Enhancement Program
- Transit Advertising Contract
- Church Outreach Effort
- County Employees Outreach
- Vehicle Branding
- Events Participation
- Media Events
- Customer Outreach Initiative
- New Projects

(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)

After the presentation, the Chair opened up the forum for questions, concerns, and comments.

Roosevelt Bradley, Director of MDT was on hand to assist with any question comments or concerns.

The Chair asked Mr. Bradley what the possibility was to create an Interlocal Agreement in Monroe County for bus shelters.

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

The Chair's report was as follows:

- Vice Chairs for the Aviation and Disabled and Elderly Subcommittees are needed.
- The Secretariat will provide us with meeting dates being held with applicable County departments to discuss their departmental legislative priorities. Once we receive a preliminary package with County sponsored initiatives we will hold a Legislative Subcommittee meeting to adopt a Resolution in support of all or some of the listed projects. We may also support initiatives from the other agencies through a Resolution(s) since each agency has an independent process. Once our Resolution(s) is adopted we will provide it to the BCC for their consideration to include applicable projects in the final package.
- Resolution 13-06 has been modified to correctly depict the techno-talk for administrative understanding. The corrections clearly follow CTAC's intent. The most common correction (State of Fl. to Miami-Dade) is very obvious. The State has statutes and the County has ordinances. This Resolution has been sent to the Planning & Zoning Department and has been included in the materials opposing this development that will be presented at the Thursday, September 28th BCC Zoning Hearing meeting. I will be in attendance along with any other member who can also make it.

VIII. SECRETARIAT'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

The Secretariat's report was as follows:

- Due to the BCC needing the County Commission Chambers, our September 20th full CTAC meeting will take place in the Council Chambers at the City of Hialeah.
- There will be a CTAC group picture before the October 18th full Meeting.
- The Thursday, August 24, 2006, MPO Governing Board meeting was cancelled. They will resume their normal schedule in September.
- Plan to attend the South Florida East Coast Corridor Study meeting on Tuesday, August 29th at the Gwen Margolis Community center at 1590 NE 123rd Street. Remember the project team came before us to introduce the project so we need to make sure we stay on top of this project as it will open the eastern corridor for commuting.
- MDT issues and updates:
 1. What are the speed reduction calculations as a result of curvatures in the North Corridor "zig-zag" alignment?

In response to bullet #2, I'll try not to be too technical...The curves in the locations along the project where we cross-over from east/west or west/east have speeds between 46 MPH and 58 MPH so they do not have a significant affect on the overall timing from beginning to end through the corridor. The curves also meet required rider comfort criteria by introducing some slant in the track through the curves as is similarly done for cars on a roadway. The main speed control for the corridor are the station locations due to slowing down in the approach and accelerating from the stop. (Technical)...In addition, we have designed, per MDT criteria, the curves throughout the project in order to not exceed the allowable track times between switch points at specific locations along the corridor. Regarding the slope going over the Palmetto...the current 2.25% slope is below the maximum allowable and is relatively short so it does not have a significant affect on the overall speed for the corridor.

2. Train schedules need to be placed at all Metrorail stations on the first floor on a central bulletin board.

The Metrorail station 21 x 22 poster with schedule (using frequencies) is being produced and should be installed within 2 weeks.

3. The signs need to be replaced on the Metromover's Outer Loop. They currently say it runs after 7 PM but in fact it does not.

Corrective decals were delivered by the vendor last Friday. Then decals will be installed beginning tomorrow, until completion. Completion is expected midday Friday (8/18/06).

- Jackie Bailey will be invited back to a committee meeting to specifically address MDT customer service.

IX. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION

None.

X. NEW BUSINESS TO BE PLACED ON THE CTAC WORKING LIST

Barbara Walters would like to inquire about the possibility for MDT to have a display board at the Metrorail stations stating which buses have left and which ones are arriving.

The Chair would like to see an update by Public Works on T-intersections.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

*****MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM*****

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